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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Blake, M. et al.
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002, due Saturday, January 18, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, i.e., January 21, 2003 without extension fees. Applicants present the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please amend claims 80, 89-90, and 93 to read as follows:

80. (Twice amended) A method of eliciting protective antibodies specific to group A streptococcal polysaccharide in a mammal comprising administering to a mammal a polysaccharide-protein conjugate or polysaccharide-protein fragment conjugate comprising a polysaccharide component and a protein or protein fragment component, wherein the polysaccharide component of said conjugate is of formula (I)

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